Janet Napolitano
Governor

Office of the Governor

* CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MONTH *

WHEREAS, Arizona's children are our most valuable and precious resource; and

WHEREAS, pollution in our air and water and contaminants such as pesticides, mercury, and lead, can create serious health risks for Arizona children; and

WHEREAS, a bright future of Arizona's children depends upon our commitment to reduce environmental risks to their health and provide information and educational materials to help families and educators prevent children's exposure and treatment to these risks; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Children's Cabinet has been directed to provide advice and assistance in advising and informing Arizona's families on actions that should be taken to minimize children's exposure to environmental health risks; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Health Services and other state agencies are implementing strategies to reduce our children's exposure to harmful environmental pollutants that include: school bus idling reduction, promotion of the use of integrated pest management (IPM) at schools, the development of asthma action plans, testing for lead in school drinking fountains, testing for leaking fuel storage tanks at schools and the distribution of information on these and other threats through numerous outreach efforts throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2008 as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this seventeenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-third. **ATTEST:**

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Secretary of State